





Round 168: Beginning











SHE READS
WHEN THE
WEATHER IS
GOOD...?

I SEE...



THE WEATHER
IS PERFECT
FOR READING
TODAY

I WAS
READING



I THOUGHT YOU
KIND PERSON
WOULD BE THE ONE
TO DO THE NEW
STUDENTS' DESTINY
AT THE SCHOOL
ENTRANCE CELEMONY
BUT IT TURNED OUT
I WAS WRONG

BY THE
WAY



I DON'T THINK
THEY'D CHOOSE
A SCHOLARSHIP
STUDENT FOR
THAT TASK



BUT YOUR
GRADES
MUST BE
BAD



YOU SURE
LOOK LIKE
A BRIGHT
STUDENT





PS: note: in Japanese, there's a pun: HUROSEMI MATE, which sounds closer to HROSE SUMINO, and it fully explains the whole "Kind Person" thing, so I laugh. Just go in with an open









BUT THAT
DOESN'T APPLY TO
MAJONS.
DON'T YOU
AGREE?

IF THE SELECTION OF
STUDENTS FOR A LONG-
DISTANCE RELAY RACE IS
GONE, PEOPLE THERE MAY
NOT BE ANY RUNNERS
SPECIALIZED IN CERTAIN
KINDS OF TERRAIN.



THE STRONGEST
SCHOOLS ARE STRONG
BY SIMPLY MAKING A TEAM
WITH THE STRONGEST
PLAYERS FROM WITHIN
THE CLUB, RIGHT?



IT'S HARD TO
SAY IF IT REALLY
APPLIES OR NOT.

IF WE USE
THE SAME OLD
METHOD LIKE THE
OTHER SCHOOLS
TO SELECT OUR
PLAYERS, IT WILL BE
IMPOSSIBLE FOR US
TO EVER BECOME A
STRONG SCHOOL.

THAT'S BECAUSE
THE STRONGEST
PLAYERS WOULD
SIMPLY GO TO
OTHER SCHOOLS.



BUT UNTIL TWO
YEARS AGO, OUR
SCHOOL COULD
EASILY MAKE IT
INTO THE BEST 5
OF WEST TOKYO.



I UNDERSTAND
WHAT YOU MEAN
BUT...



THAT'S HOW
THE FORMER
MANAGER
SAW IT.



WHILE US, IN WEST TOKYO, CAN WE REALLY BE HAPPY FOR SAGELY MANAGING TO FINISH 4th?

IN EAST TOKYO, SENA MAKES A HIGH-MARCH OF THE STRONGEST PLAYERS AND THEY MAKE IT THROUGH THE SEASONAL TOURNAMENT EVERY YEAR



!?

WE CAN'T TELL JUST BY THE CLUB'S RESULTS ALONE I THINK THAT'S RIGHT



OH

STRANGE FOR A STUDENT

HEY, WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?

WHY DON'T WE TRY IT?

